Implementation of SGRY in Punjab

2405. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana is functioning in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details of districts covered under the SGRY?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the districts in the State of Punjab are covered under the SGRY.

IWDP projects

2406. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Integrated Waste Lands Development Project has been successful in decreasing the waste land in the country;

(b) if so, the number of projects under IWDP sanctioned for the last three years and the number of projects to be sanctioned during the Tenth Plan period to reduce the waste land in the country; and

(c) by when Government is going to develop all the waste land in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 460 projects under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) for treatment of an area of 24.597 lakh hectares have been sanctioned to 28 States in the country from 2002-03 to 2004-05. During the current financial year *i.e.* 2005-06, 340 IWDP projects have been sanctioned for treatment of an area of 16.318 lakh hectares so far. Approximately 20 lakh hectares are likely to be taken up for treatment during the remaining period of the Tenth Plan. Sanction of new projects in a particular year depends upon availability of funds after meeting out the committed liability of on-going projects and the absorption capacity of the States.